

HOUSE BILL 1288

By Farmer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 14 and Title 9, Chapter 4, relative to
district public defenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-305(a), is amended by deleting the language "an assistant executive" and substituting instead the language "a deputy executive".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-305(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

A newly elected or appointed executive director, deputy executive director, or employee licensed as an attorney is not permitted to engage in the practice of law except as the duties of such position requires. Notwithstanding any other restrictions, attorneys with pending private legal matters at the time of employment with the office of executive director shall have a reasonable length of time to conclude or transfer such cases in keeping with the standards of professional ethical conduct.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.